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WIRELESS AUDIO TRANSMISSION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

COUPLING AUDIO PLAYERS TO AUDIO

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

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Sir:

Applicants submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under the provisions of Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c) for entry after issuance of a first Office Action.

Several of the references shown on the attached form PTO-1449 were brought to Applicants' attorney's attention by the Examiner during a personal interview held on November 16, 2004. Applicants have expanded on this art and submit the following information to the best of its knowledge and belief.

The Belkin TuneCast was introduced on February 26, 2003 which after the filing date of the above-identified application.

The Irock Wireless Music Adapter 300W is Applicants' own device and made by the Applicants for Irock.

The Dynex Portable Wireless FM Transmitter, model DX-AC101, to the best of Applicants' knowledge and belief, was publically introduced after the filing of Applicants' application. The Dynex information Applicants submit herewith does not describe any antenna in the cable used to connect the transmitter to a portable audio device.

The AudiaX II Wireless FM Transmitter for MP3/DVD Player, to the best of Applicants' knowledge, was introduced to the public after the filing date of the

above-identified application. The information available to the Applicants and submitted herewith does not describe any antenna in the cable used to connect the transmitter to the MP3/DVD player.

The Z-cyber wireless transmitter also, to the best of Applicants' knowledge and belief, was introduced to the public after the filing date of the above-identified application. The attached information does not describe any antenna in the cable connecting the transmitter to the MP3 player.

The Arkon Wireless Audio Adapter, model numbers 120, 121, and 121i, appear to have been available to the public since 1998. The SF120 model has a telescoping antenna separate from any conductor cable connecting the transmitter to the audio signal source. The SF121 and 121i do not have the telescoping antenna, but lack any description of an antenna wire imbedded in the cable carrying the signal conductors connecting the transmitter to the audio source, such as an MP3 player.

To the best of Applicants' knowledge, on February 15, 2004, Arkon introduced three SoundFeeder audio adapters, presumably model numbers 150a, 150c, and 250. An FCC licence was granted to Belkin for these audio adapters in January 2004. The public introduction dates for these audio adapters was well after the filing date of the above-identified application.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent reference is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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